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## Surging Summer Schedule Fills Campus Calendar

By end of Summer quarter more than 1,000 persons will have been on Poly's campus for conferences, workshops and short courses in a rising pattern of summer activity that leads officials to believe state centered Poly and its mild climate may soon become one of the most popular summer gathering sites in the state.

Some 400 agricultural teachers attended the 1956 California Agricultural Teachers Association convention here June 18-23. About one-fourth remained another week for the annual "Skills Week" program.

California Pipe Trades Council officials from the Los Angeles and Bay areas were here June 22-23 with a group of fifth-year apprentices for the annual state championship competitions.

The western region of the Association of Operative Millers held their annual technical conference here June 23 for the third straight year and brought some 75 visitors.

A group of about 25 were here last Saturday for a meeting of the state Parent Teacher association's committee on exceptional children.

July 12-14 the state board of education, a group of around 70, will gather.

More than 120 are expected for the annual school lunch workshop July 16-20.

The California Farm Bureau staff institute is expected to attract some 200 persons from throughout the state July 24-27.

A driver education workshop, with about 50 attending, is scheduled for July 30-August 3.

The two annual physical education workshops set for August will register more than 500. The seventh annual PE workshop for women in secondary schools is set August 13-24. The ninth annual workshop for PE men and coaches runs August 6-17.

Present concluding summer event is the Pacific Coast conference football officials clinic September 7-9. Around 50 officials will gather to brush-up on the 1956 rules before grid season starts.

## Electronics Dept. Makes Big Print

Cal Poly's electronic engineering department, largest in the engineering division with an undergraduate enrollment of some 500 this past year, has been invited to supply a descriptive feature article and photos for an electronic industry supplement to be published by the Los Angeles Times on August 21.

It will appear in connection with (continued to page 4)

## Cooper Heads Cadet Corps

Albert Cooper, former Marine drill sergeant from Winnemucca, Nev., heads a list of temporary ROTC cadet promotions and Distinguished Military Students at California State Polytechnic college.

Cooper is a senior social science major and will head next year's cadet unit as battalion commander.

Named to assist Cooper is cadet Robert H. Farmer, Los Angeles, who also received a temporary appointment as a DMS.

In all, five junior cadets were named DMS. Others include: Bruce D. Arnold, Redondo Beach; Howard J. Gill, San Luis Obispo; and Haydn C. Lee, Jr., Carpinteria.

The entire group presently is engaged in summer camp tactical and technical training at Fort Lewis, Wash., for a period of six weeks.

DMS and rank selections are held as temporary until the completion of summer camp and a review of their leadership ability (continued from page 2)

## If You Think Kids Can Go Wild, Take a Look at Their Houses!

It may frustrate some people. It may please others. It's hard to tell. Most people will be certain they're on the wrong campus. But it's the kids who'll be the ones that will really get mixed up.

After living in a house that's been painted a dull yellow for the last three years, you can't just go and tell your child that he's now going to live in a house that's painted in bright pastels. Yet this is the way things will be when the Poly Ninos housing development has its new paint job and face lifting completed.

Action has already begun, and by fall everything should be pretty colorful around here, says the Cal Poly Foundation office. The houses will be painted cream with maroon trim, tan with brown trim, green with dark green trim, and grey with blue trim. No two adjacent houses will be of the same color.

Eugene Brendlin, Cal Poly Foundation manager, says, "I am very happy to depart from the 'educational yellow' that I found when I came to Poly."

## Faculty Scatters; Campus Escapees Flee Here-to-Yon

Cal Poly faculty are summering in many parts of the United States, Mexico, and Europe.

Cal Poly's dean of engineering Harold P. Hayes is presently in New York as a special guest of General Electric. Accompanied by his family, he is spending the month of July at Schenectady as one of a select group of university and college engineering professors at what G. E. calls its "Professors' Conference".

Drawn from various sections of the United States, the faculty men are given a close look at the company's engineering operations to keep pace with technical developments and specific needs industry seeks to meet with graduates from engineering schools.

Each of the conference members is also doing special work on phases of industrial engineering. Dean Hayes' project is concerned with "engineering economics".

Merson Watches Tractors

James F. Merson, head of the agricultural engineering department, is on a sabbatical leave that for the next six months will take him on a visit to a number of leading colleges and universities throughout the United States. Also included in his itinerary are several of the manufacturers of tractors and farm machinery.

Merson's purpose in making the trip is to study the facilities, curricula, teaching methods and agricultural engineering course content of several leading colleges, and gather information that may be of help in furthering the program here.

The first scheduled stop will be the University of Nebraska where the tractor testing and research programs will be studied. The Nebraska tractor tests are recognized throughout the world as the standard by which all tractors are officially rated. Other colleges at which studies will be made include Texas A. & M., Iowa State Agricultural College, and Michigan State University.

Visits to various manufacturers of tractors and farm machinery in the Chicago, Milwaukee, Peoria area will provide information that will be of help in training students in the rapidly advancing field of agricultural mechanization.

Merson also hopes to make many contacts helpful in continuing to place Poly graduates in the various fields of Agricultural Engineering.

A visit to the U. S. Office of Education, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Foreign Operations Administration is also planned during a three-week stop-over in Washington, D. C. Cal (continued to page 4)



**THEY PLAN TO COME BACK...** California Pipe Trades Council representatives liked Cal Poly's state-centered facilities so well this year that plans are underway to hold the state fifth-year apprentice plumbing and pipelitting contests here annually. Above, one of the contestants ladles molten lead as part of his lead-copper-cast iron assignment.

## Dorms De-Maled: Crews Rush Job for Fall Co-eds

With awarding of a contract for \$111,600 to the Maino Construction company, the state gave the green light for facilities to accommodate on-campus residence of women students this fall, and preparations were being speeded this week to have everything ready by September.

## Poiytes Play Ball In SLO City Loop

Each night, Monday through Thursday, many of Cal Poly's athletes are playing softball at the Santa Rosa Park. There are 17 players from Cal Poly playing in the city league.

Playing for the Motel Inn are: Jim Gilbert, Bob McCutcheon, Joe Sankens, Al Moriarity and Jerry Fredrick.

Tony Nunes and Will Stinnett are playing for the Men's Colony team.

But you should come out and root for the team that is composed entirely of Cal Poly players—Blackies. On their roster are such athletes as Don Moore, Vern Valdes, Bill Freeman, Dick Halvorson, Bob Spink, Frank Kerker, Walt Gurney, Byron Halpin, Armando Morlos and Jack Kadish.

Two games are played each night, 7:15 p.m. and 9 p.m.

## Poly Makes Boat for the Olympics

Cal Poly is going to be on the boat bound for Melbourne and the Olympics!

Qualifying as a member of the Olympics team at Los Angeles Coliseum was Vern Wilson, former Poly basketball forward and high jumper, who at L.A. jumped six feet nine and a half inches to tie for second in a go that saw Compton's Charlie Dumas shatter the once-invincible seven-foot barrier by a half inch.

Tied with Wilson, who starred at Poly in '52, was Phil Reavis, Villanova. Wilson was jumping for the Santa Clara Youth center. His home is in San Jose. Alternate to the three team-makers is Bernie Allard, Notre Dame, who skimmed the bar at six feet eight and a half inches.

Most of the money will be spent for remodeling of dormitories and similar buildings, reported Executive Dean Harold O. Wilson.

At Chase, Heron, and Jespersen dorms — Poly's new "Co-ed Row"—there will be minor remodeling of rooms, alteration of bathroom facilities, interior painting, rewiring and new light fixtures, and the remodeling of basements for laundry facilities.

The Health Center will also receive attention and in this connection, half of Sierra dorm will be taken over as a special ward to allow hospital service for women.

Classrooms 14 and 14-A and Cubicle X will be remodeled and refurnished as headquarters for Poly's new home economics department under Marjorie Elmer. Advance registration has already passed thirty and prospects are good for one of the largest first-year departments in Cal Poly's history.

Other portions of the state-approved funds will be used to construct a women's restroom in the basement of the Administration building, adjacent to El Corral.

## Educator's Barbeque!

Announcement of an Education Department barbecue Wednesday evening, July 11, starting at 6 o'clock in Poly Grove was made this week by Dr. Arthur G. Butsbach, acting chairman of the department.

The eating-fest will be headed by Art Godfrey, vice-principal of the San Luis Obispo high school and junior college, who is in charge of preparing the meat.

According to Dr. Butsbach, all teachers enrolled in summer courses or regular students preparing to enter the teaching field are welcome to attend. The invitation includes wives, husbands and friends.

Price of the meal will be \$1.75 per person.

## 165 Take Physicals

Imogene Gow, supervising nurse at Cal Poly's health center has revealed that 165 students were given health examinations for the



**ROPES ACROSS THE SEA**... Jong Rak Chung, 25-year-old Korean interpreter, whose brother is an asst. prof. at the University of Michigan, will enroll at Poly this fall with the assistance of proceeds from the rodeo to be held July 14-15 at Madonna arena in See Canyon under joint auspices of the SLO Jaycees and the Riding and Roping Club.

## Stamp Collecting Good Investment Says Steffel, Who Has a Jillion

By DON TAYLOR

The best way to relax is to have an interesting hobby, and if the hobby is a potentially profitable one, such as philately, or stamp collecting, it is even better.

Cal Poly Printing Instructor Milan B. Steffel, with a collection of stamps from all over the world, numbering almost 3,000, is one of Poly's most avid philatelists.

Steffel, who has been collecting stamps for the past 20 years, is primarily interested in United States and Czechoslovakian stamps, but will be glad to trade stamps of any other country with other Poly collectors.

Steffel feels stamp collecting is a very good investment, because stamps, like antique furniture, grow in value as they grow older. Although he hasn't found one as valuable as the 1856 New Guinea one-cent, that sold for \$22,500, Steffel feels that his hobby is both interesting and rewarding.



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## Cadet Corps

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while in training.

A DMS may, after passing other requirements including a rigid physical examination, be commissioned into the United States regular army. Others will receive commissions into the United States army reserve upon completion of requirements for a college degree. Other cadet promotions are as follows:

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## Foreign-Car and Sports-Car Men Form Rally-Trial-Climb Clubs

By RON KIRSCHENMAN

The United States has seen a great influx of sports cars into its boundaries in the last several years. This influx can also be seen at Cal Poly.

For a small college town, San Luis Obispo has many sports cars. They range from Volkswagens to Jaguars in also. There are presently two sports car clubs.

The El Camino Foreign Car club is the stronger of the two. The Cal Poly Sports Cars club has just begun and is now getting stronger with the addition of more members.

The El Camino club has 32 cars and is proof of the popularity of the sports car. It has 66 members, many of whom are married, and the president is Bill Cavenue.

### Large Car Array

The El Camino club has a large array of cars. There are four Jaguars, one Corvette, one Thunderbird, five Austin Healeys, two Porsche Coupes, five Porsche Speedsters, two Triumphs, three MG-TF's, seven MG-TD's, and one MGTC.

The sports car clubs have regular activities every month. These include rallies, time trials, and hill climbs.

The rallies start at a point with a time car following a certain course and marking his time at check points along the route and at the finish. The rest of the cars try to match his time. The closest one wins.

### Like Drags

Time trials are much like drag races, however, they have curved courses with turns and straightaways. The best time in a class wins here.

Hill climbs involve cars traveling a certain route up a hill. The best time in a class also wins.



**SIXTEEN HOURS PER DAY**... If each person on campus would save the custodial crew just one minute per day through glowing paper and other detritus in the proper containers, almost seventeen hours would be salvaged. By Summer Quarter's end it would total more than 1,100 hours, Nuff said?

## Role of Ag Teacher Discussed by Coke At CATA Confab

BY HELEN STURGES

The role of the agriculture teacher in relation to the nation's current farm problem—the problem of how to learn to live with abundance—was stressed by J. Earl Coke of San Francisco, vice-president of Bank of America and former assistant secretary of agriculture, before an audience of more than 400 California agriculture teachers recently.

Coke's address came at the midpoint of the week-long annual conference of California Agricultural Teachers Association held on campus. It was a feature of "Administrators' Day" when superintendents and principals from representative areas of the state sat in on the convention's proceedings. They also joined the teachers in touring the campus.

### Reached Point

"We've finally reached a point toward which mankind has been striving since time began," Coke told the group. "Our big job is to learn to handle this abundance so as not to destroy what we have built."

"I guess we can be excused for not doing better up to this point," he added. "As you know, we haven't had much experience with abundance before. Our present answers, I'd say are only temporary. The boys and girls you teachers are training today may be the ones to find the answers to living with abundance and at the same time maintain a strong economy of which agriculture is a basic part."

### Sound Training

He said agriculture's current economic and social problems more than ever demand the sound training of future leaders.

"The future leaders you teachers develop must preserve the patience and understanding of the people, for if that patience and understanding is ever lost, it could be disastrous to agriculture."



**BARBECUE GROVE**... Just as the Association of Operative Millers featured their technical conference with one of Poly's famous barbecues at Poly Grove, so will the Education Dept. this coming week. Education majors, summering teachers, and friends are invited.

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IT'S WORTH IT... For student wives sharing their part of the grind, here's a bit of inspiration—the Spring Quarter class of Ph.T.'s (Pushing Hubby Through). Ph.T.'s of past years, by the way, are thinking of forming an alumni auxiliary.



HAVE A GOOD TIME... But watch out for over-exertion warns the staff at the Health Center. Beaches, the pool, mountain hikes, tennis, etc., can be fun if undertaken wisely. Health Center's summer schedule is carried elsewhere in this issue.

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### Cadet Corps

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Battalion staff—Lee; Gill; and Joel Stone, Los Angeles. Company commanders—Gordon Wilson, Arroyo Grande; John McCune, Morro Bay; Paul Miersch, Jr., Napa; and Arnold.

'A' Company—executive officer, Larry Litchfield, Bonita; platoon leader, Irving Poling, Terre Haute; platoon leader, William Lockwood, San Luis Obispo.

'B' Company—executive officer, Ray Carter, Hanford; platoon leader, Russell Barnsdale, Glendale; platoon leader, G.B. Halpin, Fort MacArthur, Calif.

'C' Company—executive officer, Tom Kennedy, Visalia; platoon leader, Harry Bowman, Honolulu, Hawaii; platoon leader, Bruce Kerzic, Big Bear Lake.

'D' Company—executive officer, Jon Bailly, Los Gatos; platoon leader, Jeremiah Duggan, San Diego; platoon leader, Ron Goo, Kaneohe, Oahu, T.H.



Been up the hill to see the OH Dept.? It's one of the finest set-ups of its kind on the coast.

### OH Unit to Have Top-Rating House

The ornamental horticulture department is constructing an addition to their recently-new unit in the form of a modern and up-to-date plant propagating greenhouse which promises to equal that of any other college on the coast.

The 18' x 24' glass house will be completed and ready for operation by this September, according to department head Howard Brown. It will incorporate such features as a mist system of humidifying the air, electronically controlled by means of an interval timer.

The new electrical soil heating cables, containing voltage regulators, cut the voltage from normal 115 volts down to 80 volts so that non-insulated wire can be used without danger of shocking the worker. The un-insulated wire, Brown says, allows more heat to be given off, thus improving the heating area.

The regulator is being built and installed by the electrical department on campus, while the remaining structure is being erected through the assistance of campus maintenance and O. H. student labor.

With these improved features, and not denying the "green thumbs," certainly the finest rooted cuttings and callus grafts should be produced from this additional greenhouse, says Brown.



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### Buildings On Schedule

"It's possible that the national steel strike may have some effect on our building program," says Clyde Fisher, assistant to Dean Harold Wilson, "but it's still too early to really tell."

Fisher also reports that the entire foundation for the new engineering building has now been completed, and that construction is progressing according to schedule.

Other news from Dean Wilson's office shows that work on the new Arao buildings at the air strip will be completed this month, and that they will be put into use this fall.

The Welding Department has been moved to its new location behind the Ag Engineering building, and the old building has been torn down.

Fisher also chuckled at the fact that the huge mound of dirt across the road leading up to the science building is going to be with us for some time. Eventually, however, the road leading around the new engineering building will take the place of the dirt pile, he promises.

#### YOU'RE INVITED!

News items and news-tips for summer's El Mustang are gladly received at Adm 14. The office is open throughout the day.

Summer issues are scheduled for July 12 and 27, August 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Deadline for each week's editorial material is Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. unless it is bulletin material (special announcements). The latter can be handled up to noon Wednesday.

### Candlelight Dance Set For Saturday

First in what is planned as a number of summer campus social activities is an informal record dance Saturday night in Hillcrest lounge. Sponsored by the College Union committee, headed this summer by Dana Pefferle, the dance is scheduled for 9 to 12 p.m.

Incoming ABB president Ed Slevin urges a strong attendance with students and friends showing a desire for continued social activities.

"Unless we have a good turnout," states Slevin, "we'll be forced to discontinue some of our further planning."

On tap, according to Slevin, are several "outstanding" future events including a possible square-dance with a well-known caller.

Saturday night's dance is themed "Dance by Candlelight" and there will be no admission. Refreshments will be available.

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## Health Center Schedule

For summer, the Health Center has three full-time registered nurses, Mrs. Mabel Holderman, Mrs. Marjorie Gordon, and Mrs. Gene Gow, on duty every Monday through Friday from 8 until 5, and a doctor is available from 10 until noon each day that the clinic is open, Mrs. Gow says.

Mrs. Gow further points out there is a lot of poison oak around the campus and that poison oak shots are available at the Health Center for students who would rather have the cure instead of the rash.

Also, students who are around animals or machinery should take tetanus toxoid shots, as tetanus is easy to contract from them, she reminds.

"Do not over-expose yourself to the sun," urges Mrs. Gow. "It can be dangerous. Get your tan by degrees, not all at once."

Dean Chandler states that plans for a new, modern Health Center have been submitted to state architects for approval. Construction of the new building is scheduled to begin in 1959.

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## Athletes Summerize Their "I-by-d"ing

Cal Poly's Physical Education majors are getting some extra "learn-by-doing" in the San Luis Obispo city recreation program this summer, according to Dick Morrow, assistant recreation director.

Some of those persons playing in the City Softball League are: Jim Gilbert, Joe Sankens, Jerry Fredrick, and Bob McCutcheon, playing for the Motel Inn; Tony Nunes and Will Stinett, playing for the Mesa Colony; and Don Moore, Vern Valdes, Bill Freeman, Dick Halverson, Frank Kerker, Walt Gurney, Byron Halpin, Bob Spink, Armondo Morlos, Fred Miller and Hoyd Frame, playing for Blackie's.

Perry Jeter, Jim Zanoli, Owen Hand, Ken Matson, and Dick Morrow are playing with the San Luis Obispo Blues in the Central Coast League.

Jim Pence, Jim Miller, Jim Zanoli and Owen Hand are serving as umpires and referees of various city baseball and softball leagues.

Some of the students are learning by coaching youngsters aged 8 to 12 in the Minor League, comprised of those who need a little more experience before they will be able to qualify for the Little League. The Poly students are really getting a work-out trying to keep up with these youngsters and teach them the fundamentals of baseball, says Morrow.

There may be another Ted Williams or Stan Musial or Robin Roberts in the making right here in San Luis Obispo if they get the correct instructions from Cal Poly's Physical Education Majors, he points out.

## Noble Twin Named Acting S-B Provost

Dr. E. R. Noble, twin brother of Cal Poly's Dr. Glen Noble, head of biological sciences, has been named acting provost of the University of California's Santa Barbara college.

A professor of zoology, he has been dean of letters and sciences at the college since 1951.

The Noble brothers, born in Korea of missionary parents, have been long known for their close similarity of appearance. As true twins, they have followed essentially the same career field and both have been intensely interested in international affairs.

Poly's Noble not only heads the Bio Sc department, but is also gymnastics coach.

## Electronics Dept.

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The opening of the four-day Western Electronic show and convention, August 21-24, sponsored at Los Angeles by the seventh region of the Institute of Radio Engineers and the West Coast Electronic Manufacturers' Association. The supplement will be distributed to all Times subscribers with additional copies for distribution to 80,000 management and engineering personnel attending the convention and show and for all the 650 exhibiting companies.

The article, prepared under the supervision of electronic engineering department head Clarence Radius, points out that Cal Poly's department has grown to be probably the largest undergraduate department on the West Coast because:

It's one of the few schools in the country where electronic engineering is a complete department in its own right.

The West Coast Electronics Manufacturers Association has given close and consistent support.

Cal Poly's "learn-by-doing" and "upside-down" methods targeted toward "creative engineering" have proved effective.

The college's state-centered location has encouraged a vigorous field-trip program that includes installations and plants throughout the state with a minimum of travel.

Photos include the architect's rendering of the new electronic and mechanical engineering - power buildings, electronic engineering majors maintaining two-way communication during the annual state-wide motorcycle "Enduro", a general scene of the campus, and a photo of electronic engineering majors at work in their laboratory.

Department Head Radius and Department Head Radius and other members of the faculty expect to attend the convention and show and anticipate informal reunions with some of the several hundred Cal Poly graduates now employed by industry throughout California, Arizona, Washington, and Oregon.

## Faculty Scatters

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Poly has been carrying on an extensive training program, primarily in farm mechanization, for trainees from many foreign countries sent here in connection with the foreign aid program through the Foreign Operations Administration.

Merson also plans to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in Chicago during December.

**Back to Birthplace**  
A. Norman Cruikshanks, head of the social sciences department, has already crossed the United States by automobile, spent several days in Washington D. C., where he was invited to attend a news conference designed to give reporters background in foreign affairs, and crossed the Atlantic by liner. He arrived in Dublin last week and planned to visit his birthplace in Northern Ireland.

Accompanied by his family and Kenneth Banner, psychologist for the county schools office, Cruikshanks' itinerary includes London, Paris, Geneva, Lucerne, Rome, Florence, Venice and Stuttgart. His son, Randal, will remain in Stuttgart where he will enroll at the Eberhard-Ludwigs Gymnasium for 9 months of study as an exchange student.

Although primarily a pleasure trip, Cruikshanks has scheduled several conferences in various cities in Europe as further background in foreign affairs through first-hand information.

Dr. Glen Noble, head of the biological sciences department, is spending part of his vacation in Wyoming on a government-sponsored field project.

Philip Bromley, instructor in agricultural economics, is observing the economic situation in Mexico. He is accompanied by his wife, Martha, who will receive credit for her travels under the city schools system.

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& Highway, on Highway

## Nepel No Pets or Planes This Fall unless They're Projects!

Requests to bring everything from pets to private airplanes to Cal Poly have been channeling through the Admissions Officer and Registrar this summer.

The majority of these requests, however, must be turned down because of state rules and regulations governing health or state property, says Registrar Leo Philbin.

The only acceptable livestock of any sort to be kept on campus must be used as a student project and must pass certain health requirements in regard to the condition of the animal and inoculations of various types. Philbin explains. College facilities are available when the animal meets these prerequisites as a "student project." Arrangements are made through the college foundation.

Another frequent request, Philbin states, is to park privately-owned trailers on the campus in lieu of housing facilities provided by the College. According to the law, private property may not be parked permanently on state-owned land and as soon as a utilities connection is made, a trailer is "permanent." In fact, the right to park privately-owned cars on the campus is revocable at any time, he adds.

This same law vetoes requests to have private airplanes on the campus. In addition, CAA regulations must authorize an airport. At one time Cal Poly was designated as an "alternate airport", but Philbin says this ruling has now been revoked. The only way a student may have an airplane on the campus is to again have it "approved" as a student project, and it is grounded while here.

For the persistent individual, near-by local facilities are able to comply with the majority of these requests. Students find trailer-space in San Luis Obispo or surrounding communities. Animals can be boarded in the area or off-campus facilities obtained for the student to care for his own animal. San Luis Obispo County Airport is convenient for the air-minded student.

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